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RIVERVIEW Neighborhood Association

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MEETING MINUTES

The May meeting of the R.N.A. was conducted by our vice-chairperson Marie Lannie. Our first guest speaker of the evening was Ward C Councilman Joe Rakowski. The Councilman outlined some of the activities he has planned for the summer. There will be an evening at the Loews Theatre, so that people can see the progress being made on the ongoing renovations. There will also be events to coincide with the "national night out" against crime in August. Joe also answered questions from some new residents about Tumulty Park, summer programs for children, and garbage on the cliff around the Palisade Avenue bridge. He promised to get back to the executive committee with answers to many of these issues. (See Councilman Rakowski's responses in this newsletter.)

Our second speaker was Harry Schwartz, public relations person for Christ Hospital. Harry came with several sketches and proposed changes that the Hospital wants to make to its main building and the surrounding area. Included in this proposal is rehabilitation of some of the existing buildings that are used for employee housing. There is also plans for a new multi-level parking structure. (It was the parking aspect of a previous plan that created huge opposition among the local community which ultimately made the Hospital withdraw those plans.)

As Harry pointed out, these changes will not take place immediately, and may be revised as times and needs change. The over-all goal of the Hospital is to be more community-oriented, and in as doing offer a variety of social services besides their traditional medical care.

The last part of the meeting was devoted to preparations for the Flea Market, which will take place on Saturday, June 15th. Margaret McCorry and Gina Gaimbattista are coordinating the event this year. They are lining up donations for sales items and baked goods and for volunteers for helping during the big day.

When the meeting was over, everyone enjoyed coffee and cake provided by several members.

Please join us on June 14th for our next meeting. Remember one person can make a difference, when their voice is raised with those of many other persons. Till next time.

Maria Tuzzo
Secretary

RNA'S SEVENTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
IN OUR LOVELY RIVERVIEW PARK
SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH

(RAINDATE: JUNE 22ND)

To make this flea market a huge success, RNA needs your help in the following areas:

DONATED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS: We'll sell your unwanted household items (in good condition only!) to raise money for RNA. Bring items to the Park the morning of the Flea Market.

DONATED BAKED GOODS: Your baked goods, homemake or store-bought, can also be donated at the Park on the morning of the Flea Market.

VOLUNTEERS: You can help make the day a great success by lending a hand. Please give of your time! Meet your neighbors, make new friends, and enjoy a lovely day in our Park.

TO DONATE YOUR ITEMS OR TIME, OR FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL MARGARET McCORRY AT 963-0740. SEE YOU AT THE FLEA MARKET!

COMING EVENTS

1) **RNA MEETING:**
FRIDAY, JUNE 14th, at 7:30 PM
AT THE HARBOR VIEW HEALTH CARE CENTER

2) **FLEA MARKET, SATURDAY, June 15th :**
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Riverview Park on Ogden Avenue between Griffith and Bowers Streets.

THE RNA SEVENTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET

We're days away from the Seventh annual RNA Flea Market at Riverview Park on Ogden Avenue, and preparations are at a fever pitch! The Flea Market will be held Saturday, June 15th from 9 am to 4 pm. The raindate is the following Saturday, June 22nd. So come and enjoy your neighborhood park with your neighbors.

Tables are still available and can be rented by RNA members for $8.00. You should be aware however, we have a limited number of tables. We rent them on a first come, first served basis. When they are gone, RNA members can still a space for $8.00. Also there are "spaces only" left for non-RNA members at a price of $12.00. See the attached application to sign-up.

As we do every year, RNA will have a table at the Flea Market and we are looking for donations of used but-not-abused household items. Almost anything in your home in good condition you are looking to get rid of can be donated. Clothes, knick-knacks, dishes, lamps, picture frames, shoes - look around your home, you'll probably find something! The money we raise from the sale of these items fills RNA's treasury. Bring the items to the Park the morning of the Flea Market, and an RNA volunteer will be happy to accept them.

There is also another way you can help. RNA needs donations of baked goods to sell at our food stand. Once again, the money fills RNA's coffers. The baked items can be home-made or store-bought. Again, simply bring them to the Park the morning of the Flea Market.

Besides the baked goods, we will be selling hot dogs, meatball sandwiches, coffee, tea and soda, so you may want to stop-by just to grab a bite to eat. At 1:00 pm, magician Tony Scarpa will treat us with a magic show. Also Roll-off the recycling Spokesdog will be on hand to entertain the kids, and the Police Athletic League will fingerprint your children. And you may walk home a little richer if you buy a chance and win our 50/50 raffle.

The Flea Market is the one chance we get all year to use our Park together, constructively, and to reaffirm our ties to old neighbors and meet new ones. Please join us at Riverview Park on June 15th!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

It takes a lot of work to organize and run the FLEA MARKET. You can help:

--CLEAN-UP THE PARK
--PICK-UP, SET-UP, BREAK-DOWN, AND RETURN THE TABLES
--WORK AT THE RNA TABLE
--SELL HOT DOGS, BEVERAGES, AND BAKED GOODS
--PUBLICIZE THE FLEA MARKET

CALL MARGARET McCORRY AT 963-0740.

RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION
SEVENTH ANNUAL FLEA MARKET
REGISTRATION FORM

DATE: SATURDAY, JUNE 15TH
TIME: 9 AM TO 4 PM
LOCATION: RIVERVIEW PARK
RAINDATE JUNE 22ND

Name:_____

Address:_____

_____

Phone No.:_____

PRICES:
1) RNA MEMBERS - $8.00 : TABLE RENTAL
(The supply of tables is limited and will be rented on a first come basis; after that there will be only spaces available at the same price.)

2) NON-MEMBERS - $12.00: SPACE ONLY

ALL MONEY IS DUE NO LATER THAN JUNE 12, 1990

FOR MORE INFORMATION:
CALL 963-0740.

By participating as a seller in the RNA Flea Market, I agree not to sell any food items, pornographic or obscene material or drug paraphernalia. If I violate this agreement, I will forfeit my right to participate and leave the flea market.

Signature :_____

Make checks payable to RIVERVIEW NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION.
Send Checks to Margaret McCorry, 247 Ogden Avenue #4, Jersey City, NJ 07307
Attn: Flea Market

COUNCILMAN RAKOWSKI RESPONDS

Dear Members of RNA,

On May 10th, 1991 I was happy to attend your meeting and familiarize myself with the concerns of the people in your area.

In response to your request for the present status of Tumulty Park I have been informed by Carmine Scarpa, Assistant Corporation Counsel of Jersey City, that the City should regain title to this property on May 30, 1991.

There were also concerns about the ownership and the need for a clean-up of Cuneo Place Park (next to Tumulty Park). The City has always owned this Park but the driveway part of this property was allowed to be used by the owners of the building next door in return for his doing work on Cuneo Park. He did not do the required work within the time allotted. Jersey City Law Department has taken action to reclaim the driveway area. Karen Gutch informs me that the Jersey City Division of Architecture has an appropriation in this year's budget to finish this Park. At present, the Park cannot be unlocked to be used by the public because of the unevenness of the grassy area. The City is afraid children could be hurt playing there. This problem should be resolved shortly. I put in a request for a clean-up with the appropriate department.

There were complaints about commercial trucks parking on Woods Place overnight. I have contacted Captain Shamburg of the North District, who informs me that he has directed his community based policemen to ticket these vehicles within the last month. I'm sure you will begin to see an improvement soon.

Car repairs being done on local streets were also reported to Captain Shamburg. He has stated that he has directed his community based officers to keep a close watch on this kind of activity and ticket the offenders.

I have requested a refuse container for 102 Ogden Avenue. The Incinerator Authority has informed me that they will take care of this.

The A & P shopping carts are another persistent problem in the area. They are in view all over Palisades Avenue and the streets in the neighborhood. I written a letter and sent a copy of the municipal ordinance to the store manager. I asked for his help and cooperation to resolve this problem without invoking the ordinance.

If there are any other concerns, please do not hesitate to call my office: 547-5204.

Councilman Joseph Rakowski

LETTERS

Dear Mayor McCann,

I wish to express my concern to you over the fact that the Tactical Patrol Unit (TAC) of the Jersey City Police Department is no longer in existence. I initially contacted the TAC Unit a year ago when the number of car burnings during a two week period in April numbered eleven on one block in my neighborhood. (Hutton between New York Avenue and Webster.) I was preparing to contact them again to request their assistance in dealing with a recent rash of assaults (several with a weapon) and another car burning in the neighborhood : all occurring within a one week period. But I was informed that the TAC Unit was no longer in existence. It's a shame that the decision was made to disband the only visible unit capable of deterring disturbances and crimes from happening.

It has been my opinion that the Police officers of the TAC Unit were highly motivated to perform the job that the unit was designed for. The TAC Unit was extremely effective in their performance and service to the residents of Jersey City. The TAC Unit performed in a scheduled and defined manner patrolling several neighborhoods on a daily basis and shifting that emphasis to other areas of the City when needed. I am of the opinion that a Police Officer is an officer whether in uniform or in plains clothes but the force and deterrent service that the TAC Unit provided can not be matched by scheduled patrol assignments being conducted out of individual police precincts.

By having these officers in the precincts, they can no longer move throughout the City into troubled areas concentrating on deterring crimes or incidents affecting the quality of life for the local resident. Being in the precincts the officers become a dispatched service rather than a deterring force. The TAC Unit was dealing with incidents happening now rather than dealing with situations that have already happened and needed tending to. I am of the opinion that the TAC Unit complemented the Police Officer on patrol out of a precinct. By deterring crimes and offensive situations, the TAC Unit was the best preventive measure that this City could have provided to curtail the escalating number of crimes and incidents that violate the residents of Jersey City.

The best way to prevent crimes is to deter them from ever occurring.

Cosmo Sasso

Dear RNA,

Please find enclosed my check for twenty dollars. I would like to continue receiving the newsletter. I would also like to encourage the important work that you do. I have not been able to attend any meetings over the last year but I read the newsletter every month.

Jersey City will become a better place to live when more of its citizens show the concern that the people in RNA do.

So please extend my subscription and keep up the good work - it is noticed and appreciated.

Have a good summer,
Tom Palasits

CONRAD'S CORNER

I want to thank the Heights Coalition of Neighborhood and Block Associations for the wonderful surprise birthday party I had in Pershing Field, particularly Marie Murray and Maria Tuzzo who must have worked real hard to make it such a success.

Everything came at once, my exhibit at the Courthouse of art work I did sixty-three years ago and a meeting of Classical America's Henry Reed of Harvard and the retirement of Bernie Bush, long time editor of the State Preservation News at a special gathering in the Courthouse.

Locally I can't get over the spectacular growth of all the trees in Riverview Park because they were left alone and not rammed by careless Park Department truck workers who were under the impression that most of them were diseased and would have to be replaced. some twenty trees would have come down if we had listened to the advice of our City landscape architect, all the paving would have been torn up which would have cut off most of the root structures of the trees. A thin coating of asphalt over the concrete paving would do a better job and at a fraction of the cost of new concrete sidewalks which would have destroyed many trees. Since the Park has a gentle pitch towards Palisades Avenue it drains itself.

Not to forget Riverview Park was declared a historic site in 1978 and should still comply with all the new regulations of a publicly owned historic site. The shade from all the old trees make it a delightfully cool spot all summer long.

Prankster Boob McNutt is around again, this time to knock down our County Jail. Now that crime is on the increase what could be better for a real crisis without enough jail capacity. Our politicians are already licking their chops for a chance to build a new one with just a little graft on the side, as always in Hudson County, while the tax payers can hardly pay their taxes. Seems like the same people who wanted to tear down the Courthouse are still around.

JUNE...

JUNE IS THE MONTH OF GRADUATIONS, PROMS AND WEDDINGS...
IT IS A TIME TO SPEND OUTDOORS...A DAY IN THE SUN,
JUNE IS ALSO THE MONTH OF THE RNA FLEA MARKET - JUNE 15TH

COME, ENJOY, ALL.

Madeline Tuzzo Rea

THIS IS ABSOLUTELY YOUR LAST CHANCE TO RECEIVE OUR RNA NEWSLETTER

In April, RNA announced a new policy of requesting a membership fee of $3.00 for the annual subscription to our newsletter. Unfortunately, the cost of this newsletter has steadily increased because of the ever changing mailing rates. If we do not receive the subscription fee by July, RNA will remove the person's name from the mailing list and they will not receive a newsletter starting in September. RNA regrets having to institute this policy but the economics dictate that in order to continue to publish this paper, it is necessary.

If you haven't done so already, please send in your membership dues to continue receiving the newsletter. Make your check of $3.00 payable to the Riverview Neighborhood Association and mail it to 232 Ogden Avenue, J.C., N.J. 07307. Thank you for your continued support.

RNA THANKS ITS SUPPORTERS

Thanks to those people who recently made monetary contributions to the RNA. We sincerely appreciate their support, and our treasury can always use a boost.

Our angels include Herb Huels, Jalil Haddad, Marie Tresca, Tom Palasits and John Lyon. Again, thanks for your support.

SUMMERTIME NOTICE

The RNA newsletter staff is going on hiatus for the summer. Our next newsletter will be published in September, 1991. In the meantime, RNA will continue to have its summer monthly meetings. These meetings will be held on :

Friday, July 12th and

Friday August 9th

As usual these meetings will be held at the Harbor View Health Care Center at 7:30 pm. Please make note of these two dates.

If there are any problems or concerns during the summer months, please contact Vito Brunetti, 798-0493 or Maria Tuzzo, 659-2245.

HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY SUMMER !
HAVE A GREAT TIME IN JERSEY CITY !

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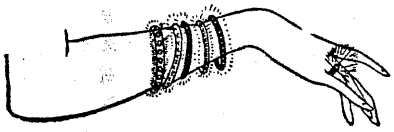

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SUMMERTIME IN JERSEY CITY

As summer approaches again, let's all try to remember to work and play together to make our neighborhood a better place to live in for our family and friends. Be considerate and thoughtful of your neighbors. Give your neighbor a helping hand if needed. If you see any suspicious or illegal activity, it is your responsibility to notify the police. Report all vandalism and graffitti of buldings. Drive slowly and safely through the local streets - watch out for the children at play. Parents should control their children and know where they are at night. Keep your property and sidewalk clean and free of trash. Recycle your garbage and keep all trash and debris in closed containers - not on the street or sidewalk in between collections. LET'S ALL HAVE A SAFE AND HEALTHY TIME THIS SUMMER!